

## Chapter 10: Youth justice

If you are really interested in the up-to-date and full details of a particular aspect of how the criminal process works, one of the standard reference works can provide the answer, if you use the contents or index carefully. The following are published annually: *Stone's Justices' Manual* (Butterworths) deals with the work of the youth courts; *Blackstone's Criminal Practice* (Oxford University Press) deals with all aspects of criminal law and practice, as does *Archbold's Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice* (Sweet & Maxwell). *Current Sentencing Practice* (Sweet & Maxwell), a loose-leaf encyclopaedia edited by L. Harris, is very useful for the detail on sentencing, including how the courts approach particular offences.

A. Edwards, *Advising a Suspect in the Police Station* (8th edn, Sweet & Maxwell, 2013). The author, Anthony Edwards, is a leading writer and practitioner, and this book is of value to anyone working as an appropriate adult, though it covers all suspects who are being questioned.

J. Muncie, *Youth and Crime* (4th edn, Sage 2015) is a good introduction to the study of criminology in respect of youth.

For a discussion of the need to reform the age of criminal responsibility see: A Brown and A Charles (2019) *The Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility: The Need for a Holistic Approach*. Dec 2019 [doi.org/10.1177/1473225419893782](https://doi.org/10.1177/1473225419893782)

There is an over representation of Black and Minority Ethnic young people in the criminal justice system as well as the care system. For a thorough going discussion see Hunter, K (2020) *Institutionalised Criminalisation: Black and Minority Ethnic Children and Looked After Children in the Youth Justice System in England and Wales*. University of Liverpool, PhD Thesis

A recent review of the role of the Appropriate Adult for children in custody conducted by the Office of the Children's Commissioner, *A Night in the Cells Children in police custody and the provision of non-familial appropriate adults* can be found at <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/A-Night-in-the-Cells.pdf>

Centre for Justice Innovation (2020) *Young people's voices on youth court* ([https://justiceinnovation.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2020-05/20200512\\_young\\_peoples\\_voices\\_on\\_youth\\_court\\_final.pdf](https://justiceinnovation.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2020-05/20200512_young_peoples_voices_on_youth_court_final.pdf))

The Youth Justice Board is an agency with a statutory responsibility to prevent offending by children. Its website is usefully and accessibly organized, for example to take you through custodial and community sentences one at a time [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/youth-justice-board-for-england-and-wales](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/youth-justice-board-for-england-and-wales).

NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) has an excellent list of publications, too long for inclusion here, but worth visiting:

Carr & Goosey, *Law for Social Workers* 16e  
Annotated Further Reading

[www.nacro.org.uk](http://www.nacro.org.uk)